

Ratio decidendi – Examination of – This Court has held that it does not lay down a proposition that the ratio decidendi of an earlier decision cannot be examined or differed with in another case. It has been held that if the Court is satisfied that the issue raised in the later petition requires consideration and in that context, the earlier decision requires re-examination, the Court can certainly proceed to examine the matter or refer the matter to a larger Bench, if the earlier decision is not of a smaller Bench. This Court, therefore, specifically rejected the contention that a writ petition under Article 32 of the Constitution was barred or not maintainable with reference to an issue which was the subject matter of an earlier decision.

*Sanjay Singh and another, Rupa Ashok Hurra* [(2002) 4 SCC 388]

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